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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS

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Ex parte CHARLES D. SNELLING and LEO T. VAN LAHR

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Application 09/819,943

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on February 9, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on January 4, 2002. However, there is no listing of the references attached to the IDS. Appropriate correction is required.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to: 1) obtain a listing of the references cited in the IDS; 2) give appropriate consideration of said IDS and 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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